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SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING EMPLOYEE ROMANIAN LIBRARY

1. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1977 AT 4:50 PM, MR. DUMITRU CEAUSU, FIRST SECRETARY, ROMANIAN MISSION CALLED USUN TO PROTEST THE ACTION OF A MEMBER OF NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

2. MR. CEAUSU ALLEGED THAT AT ABOUT 4:30 PM, A MEMBER OF THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY STAFF WORKING IN THE ROMANIAN LIBRARY IN NEW YORK CITY, MR MATEI DUMITRU, WAS PLACED AGAINST THE WALL AND SEARCHED AT GUN POINT BY A POLICE OFFICER. THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN FRONT OF THE ROMANIAN MISSION AT 573 THIRD AVENUE, NYC. ACCORDING TO CEAUSUS, THE POLICEMAN WAS OUTSIDE THE MISSION BECAUSE OF A LONE DEMONSTRATOR DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS.

3. MISOFF CALLED NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT. POLICE REPORTED THAT AT ABOUT 3:20 PM, DEMITRIE G. ATOSOLIU, A FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER IN ROMANIA WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN HUNGAR STRIKES, DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE ROMANIAN MISSION, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNDERGROUND ROMANIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO THE ROMANIANS APPEARED AT THE 17TH PRECINCT AND REPORTED THAT WHILE DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS

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OUTSIDE THE ROMANIAN MISSION, HE WAS CONFRONTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CAME OUT OF THE MISSION, SHOVED HIM AND "PRODUCED A GUN". ATOSLOLIU SAID HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO THE ROMANIAN MISSION AND "TO PRESERVE THE PEACE", UNIFORMED DETECTIVES GORDON HAIGHT AND WILLIAM ABROMATIS ACCOMPANIED HIM BACK TO THE MISSION.

SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL, AN INDIVIDUAL, LATER IDENTIFIED AS

MATEI DUMITRU EXITED THE MISSION AND ATOSTOLIU TOLD POLICE HE WAS THE PERSON WHO EARLIER HAD APPROACHED HIM WITH A GUN. THE DETECTIVES HALTED DUMITRU AND SUBJECTED HIM TO A SEARCH (POLICE NORMALLY HAVE GUN IN HAND WHEN SEARCHING SOMEONE THEY SUSPECT IS CARRYING A WEAPON). DUMITRU WAS IMMEDIATELY RELEASED WHEN FOUND TO BE UNARMED. AT THIS POINT, MEMBERS OF THE ROMANIAN MISSION INTERCEDED WITH POLICE AND IDENTIFIED DUMITRU AS ONE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES. THIS ENDED THE INCIDENT AND POLICE TOLD ATOSLOLIU TO LEAVE.
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